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# TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL RICHARD CAMACHO

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I wish to say a few words of tribute today on behalf of my friend Admiral Dick Camacho, on the occasion of his retirement from the private sector.

Admiral Camacho's ties to Hawaii go back to the 1870s, when his family emigrated from the Azores and began working on coffee and plantations on the Big Island and Oahu, respectively. His father went through the machinist apprentice program at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and was working there as a supervisor when it was attacked on December 7, 1941. Then eight-year-old Dick Camacho waited for two days before hearing from his father that he was okay and had been working around the clock putting out fires and assessing the damage from the attack.

Dick left the Islands to attend the University of New Mexico via the Naval Reserve Officers program where he graduated with a degree in Naval Engineering. He did post-graduate work in Electrical Engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and later completed Harvard Business School's Management Development Program.

Dick began his distinguished naval career as a junior officer on the USS *Requisite* in about as different a climate as he could find from Hawaii. The ship was deployed to the Arctic to engage on a mapping and survey mission. From there he was ordered to Submarine School in Connecticut.

After graduating from Submarine School, Dick returned to Hawaii to serve as an officer aboard the USS *Gudgeon*, which was home-ported at Pearl Harbor. Admiral Camacho distinguished himself as a leader and was promoted. The Navy also increased his responsibilities, sending him to Naval Sea Systems Command, Submarine Forces Atlantic, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, and Charleston Naval Shipyard where he served as the Shipyard Commander.

In 1984, Dick became the first son of Hawaii to assume command of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. I had the pleasure of attending a welcome home reception for Dick and his wife, Norma Jean, where over 1,000 people were present, including members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation and local government representatives. Dick was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1985 and given the additional responsibilities of serving as the Supervisor of Shipbuilding and Commander of Naval Sea Systems West until his retirement in 1986.

Embarking on his private sector career, Dick took a position with a San Diego-based company involved in the repair and modernization of Navy vessels. During this second career, which saw him open numerous shipyards around the country, Dick always stayed close to Hawaii. He returned many times and led the effort to re-

talize the State's private sector ship repair business. He convinced his company to purchase a local shipyard and make significant investments in the facility through workforce training and equipment and an unparalleled commitment to workplace safety.

Both the public and private sector owe a great deal to Admiral Dick Camacho and his amazing wife, Norma Jean. Hawaii is a better place for the contributions of these two wonderful people. I wish them both fair winds and following seas.

## RECOGNIZING THE FAMILY & CHILDREN'S PLACE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to commend an organization in Kentucky that is working to build brighter futures for children by fighting the trauma of child abuse, violence and neglect. The Family & Children's Place, based in my hometown of Louisville, KY, has provided support to families and children in the region for over 127 years.

And I am pleased to report that they are taking a big step forward in being able to accomplish their mission by the construction of a new Child Advocacy Center. This center will be a model for charities with similar missions throughout the southeastern United States by including charity services, law enforcement, child protective services, and prosecutors all in one location.

The Family & Children's Place's mission is to strengthen the community through research-based services that heal the trauma of abuse, violence, and neglect and promote safe, healthy and stable families. They work to educate families to prevent abuse, respond to children on the very day that abuse comes to light, treat victims to reduce damage to their lives, and take steps to protect children from further maltreatment. They have created an array of services to prevent, end and treat these problems.

And they do all this thanks to the generous donations of many notable Louisville area businesses and sponsors, and under the leadership of the group's president and chief executive officer Mr. Daniel Fox.

Mr. President, I wish to bestow the gratitude of this United States Senate on the Family & Children's Place of Louisville, KY, and wish them continued success for many years to come. Their success can only benefit the youngest and most vulnerable Kentuckians, who need their services the most.

Recently, the newspaper the Louisville Courier-Journal published an article highlighting the new Child Advocacy Center for the Family & Children's Place, and I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD that particular article.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Courier-Journal, Oct. 25, 2011]  
FAMILY & CHILDREN'S PLACE HAS MONEY FOR BIG CENTER  
(By Sheldon S. Shafer)

Family & Children's Place, a charity dedicated to helping sexually exploited children, has raised the money it needs to proceed with plans for a Child Advocacy Center at the old Salvation Army site near Fifth and Kentucky streets.

The Louisville Metro Police Department's Crimes Against Children Unit and prosecutors from the Jefferson County commonwealth's attorney's office also will have representatives at the center, envisioned as the city's first comprehensive site to help young victims of abuse or violence.

The center "will be a tremendous addition to the neighborhood, a top-notch project, and it will be great for the kids who come through here," said Daniel Fox, president and chief executive officer of the Family & Children's Place.

The organization plans to move its existing Child Advocacy Center from Fourth Street near Muhammad Ali Boulevard to a site near the Old Louisville, Limerick and South Broadway neighborhoods.

Police investigators, prosecutors and contract pediatricians usually have to come to the current office, which is small, to interview or help victims. At times, the arrangement results in multiple interviews and extra stress for the children, Fox said.

Consolidating services, including those of Family & Children's Place's counselors, at the Kentucky Street site should 14 mean help can often be provided more quickly, he said.

"The idea is to get everyone together at one location," Fox said. "We hope to make it a national model for dealing with child sexual-abuse cases."

The agency bought the property at 512 W. Kentucky St. from the Salvation Army in 2009 for \$450,000. The Salvation Army left the site, which has a long history for use as a hospital, rehab facility and command center, when it purchased the old Male High School building four years ago.

Fox said plans call for gutting and refurbishing the 18,000-square-foot structure and building several additions, increasing the space to 22,000 square feet.

The agency hopes to break ground by March and occupy the renovated site by the end of 2012. The project will cost about \$4 million.

In addition, it is spending more than \$700,000 to buy a vacant tract southeast of Fifth and Kentucky streets, behind the former Salvation Army property, from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Family & Children's Place has worked out a land swap with the commission that runs Memorial Auditorium. The commission will give the children's agency a parcel (now an auditorium parking lot) on the corner of Fifth and Kentucky streets to be used for one of its additions.

The children's agency, in turn, will use part of the land it is buying from the Sons of the Revolution to develop parking for the auditorium.

Longer-range plans call for the Family & Children's Place to use most of the rest of the land it is buying from the Sons of the American Revolution to build a 10,000-square-foot family-support center.

The timing of the family center is uncertain, Fox said, but the plan is to move the children's agency's main offices and staff from 2303 River Road to that location. The family center's cost is estimated at more than \$2 million, much of which is yet to be raised.